



# Road Kill Results Board



460 Animals Killed on KSC & CCAFS roads since May 2006  
- That's over 5,700 pounds of road kill in 5 months!

| Animal              | Total                 | August              | July                | June                  | May                   | April               |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Raccoons            | 152                   | 11                  | 20                  | 42                    | 43                    | 36                  |
| Armadillos          | 102                   | 27                  | 22                  | 38                    | 14                    | 1                   |
| Opossums            | 57                    | 9                   | 7                   | 17                    | 18                    | 6                   |
| Vultures (Note 1)   | 23                    | 5                   | 4                   | 9                     | 5                     | 0                   |
| Rabbits             | 22                    | 6                   | 6                   | 5                     | 4                     | 1                   |
| Hogs (Note 3)       | 22                    | 2                   | 5                   | 6                     | 5                     | 4                   |
| Snakes (Note 2)     | 16                    | 5                   | 2                   | 7                     | 1                     | 1                   |
| Misc. Birds         | 13                    | 7                   | 2                   | 3                     | 1                     | 0                   |
| Alligators (Note 3) | 10                    | 3                   | 1                   | 2                     | 2                     | 2                   |
| Frogs               | 10                    | 9                   | 1                   | 0                     | 0                     | 0                   |
| Turtles             | 10                    | 2                   | 0                   | 2                     | 5                     | 1                   |
| Tortoises (Note 4)  | 4                     | 3                   | 0                   | 0                     | 1                     | 0                   |
| Bob Cats            | 4                     | 2                   | 0                   | 2                     | 0                     | 0                   |
| Scrub-Jay (Note 5)  | 3                     | 1                   | 0                   | 1                     | 1                     | 0                   |
| Otter               | 2                     | 1                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     | 1                   |
| Feral Cats          | 2                     | 1                   | 0                   | 0                     | 1                     | 0                   |
| Osprey/Hawk         | 2                     | 1                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     | 1                   |
| Unknown             | 2                     | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 2                     | 0                   |
| Dogs                | 1                     | 1                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     | 0                   |
| Rats                | 1                     | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 1                     | 0                   |
| Deer (Note 3)       | 1                     | 0                   | 0                   | 1                     | 0                     | 0                   |
| Squirrel            | 1                     | 0                   | 1                   | 0                     | 0                     | 0                   |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>460 (5741 lbs)</b> | <b>96 (687 lbs)</b> | <b>71 (403 lbs)</b> | <b>135 (2296 lbs)</b> | <b>104 (1378 lbs)</b> | <b>54 (977 lbs)</b> |

## YOUR DRIVING COUNTS!



Note 1: These vultures were likely killed while feeding on other road kill. Sometimes a bald eagle will join in on the feast. 6 bald eagles have been documented as killed at KSC by vehicles, probably while feeding on other road kill. Vehicle collisions are the greatest known source of adult eagle mortality usually while feeding on road kill in the middle of a circle of vultures. Our goal is to reduce our road kill in order to move our vultures away from our roadways and away from our launch pads, and back to a normal distribution across the state.



Note 2: A snake researcher in Louisiana found that 30% of drivers will deliberately change lanes to run over a snake. 10% will stop and back-up over it to ensure that it is dead. KSC is a refuge for threatened Indigo Snakes and we really need all of our snakes to help keep down our state rodent population and related disease.



Note 3: Animals like alligators, hogs, and deer can weigh in the 100s of pounds and total your vehicle! Since 1996, 400 reported animal collisions out here have averaged \$884 in vehicle damage and together have totaled to over \$350,000 in vehicle damage. We average 10 reported hog accidents a year and we had 56 hog related accidents reported in 1995. The 2006 KSC hog population is estimated as being as high as 12,000.



Note 4: We have one of the highest populations of the nearly threatened gopher tortoises near our launch pads. Tortoise crossing road signs are planned for that area, but they can be found throughout the refuge.



Note 5: Our threatened Florida Scrub-Jays can be easily seen flying across our roadways, so please keep an eye out for them and slow down for them.